



*City of St. Augustine Beach Seal*

# Beyond the Beach

## April 2024 Newsletter

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*Entrance to St. Augustine Beach City Hall*

### City Hall Update

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*City Manager, Max Royle*

## NEXT LEVEL

Want to join me in remembering the foggy recesses of nearly forgotten ancient times? Come on, nothing ventured, nothing gained. Those of you of a certain vintage (age) may recall multi-storied department stores that had elevators operated by real, live human beings, usually ladies. Which raises this age-old question: Has anyone ever seen a fake, live human being?

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## City News & Project Updates

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### K9 Kilo End of Watch





Sadly, K9 Kilo's watch unexpectedly ended on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

K9 Kilo SABPD 7163 (German Shepherd) was born in Slovakia on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014, and selected for importation to America in 2015. He was hand-picked as St Augustine Beach Police Department's very first K9 and certified by The National Narcotic Detector Dog Association with his human partner, Corporal Bruce Cline, on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. K9 Kilo served our community with the St. Augustine Beach Police Department as a narcotics detection, tracking, article searching, furry goodwill ambassador for 8 years. During this time, his hard work got dangerous drugs off the streets, put a rapist in prison, and most importantly brought our citizens closer to the Officers who serve them. But he didn't stop there, during their time off Kilo and Cpl. Cline were instrumental in bringing tens of thousands of dollars in food and supplies to local animal shelters. Thanks to their efforts, K9 Kilo's Presents for Pets was an unfathomable success.

Kilo was almost 10 years old on March 10<sup>th</sup>, when he was taken to St. Augustine Regional Veterinary Emergency Center because he started behaving abnormally. Emergency surgery was performed without delay, but the prognosis was something no one's ever prepared to hear. It was cancer and despite the extraordinary efforts performed by the medical professionals, he succumbed to the disease.

K9 Kilo impacted our community and touched countless hearts in our Department, St. Johns County, and throughout North East Florida. He will be sorely missed by the St. Augustine Beach Police and the entire St. Augustine Beach community.

A beautiful memorial service was held at Anastasia Baptist Church for his family and law enforcement friends on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Special thoughts and prayers go out to Cpl. Cline and his family.

R.I.P. Kilo - we all miss very much!







Kilo was the biggest hit at the Holiday Market event at the Pier. He was even more popular than Santa!



Kilo's Presents for Pets brought thousands of dollars in food and supplies to local shelter animals waiting for their forever homes!

## 7th Street Drainage Project



### SCOPE OF WORK

The 7th 8th & 9th Street Drainage project consists of drainage improvements to 7th, 8th, and 9th Streets west of 2nd Avenue to alleviate recurrent flooding and reduce the potential for flood related losses. This project will also ensure adequate drainage conveyance to the City's master stormwater drainage system, located at the west end of the project site. This project will consist of the design, permitting, and construction of as-necessary drainage improvements that may include drainage structures, piping, swale construction, curb and gutter, and road improvements to reduce the frequency and severity of flooding within the project area.

### CURRENT PROJECT PHASE: Pre-construction

A Town Hall meeting was held on November 2, 2023. See below files for meeting agenda and minutes/notes.

A Preconstruction meeting was held on 03/27/2024. The proposed construction of 7th Street will tentatively begin in May (see below for tentative dates).

Contractor Information:

G & H Underground Construction Inc., 2315 Dobbs Rd, St. Augustine, FL 32086

This project phase is currently being funded by a State of Florida Legislative Appropriation Grant in the amount of \$90,000. However, due to the limited grant funding, the City will construct only the 7th Street portion of the improvements this fiscal year.

Budget funding for 8th and 9th Street Improvements have been requested in future fiscal year budget periods.

### PROJECT SCHEDULE:

These dates are tentative and are subject to change:

05/01: Erosion & Sedimentation Control installation; begin removal of existing drainage pipe and structure.

05/06: Installation of new drainage pipe and structure.

05/09: Roadwork begins.

05/13: Curb installation.

05/20: Paving

05/22: Clean up.

05/31: Substantial completion 06/17.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For additional project information, contact the City's Engineering Department:

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Derek Sands

Engineering Director

Engineering Inspector

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If you have any questions regarding potential disruption to trash/recycling services during this project, please call the Public Works Department at 471-1119 or:

Russell Adams

Ken Gatchell

Assistant Public Works Director

Public Works Director

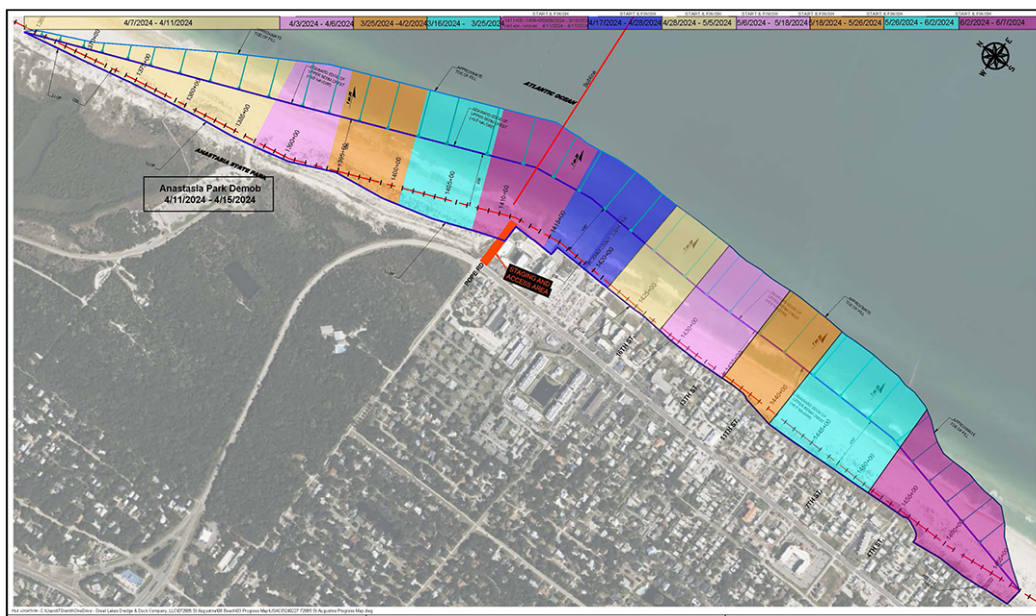
Cell 904-466-5757

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## FCCE re-nourishment of St. Augustine Beach



**MARCH 18, 2024 St. Augustine Beach UPDATE +++**

**USACE Jacksonville has temporarily paused the start of its St. Augustine Beach renourishment project to mobilize additional**

equipment. Sand placement will resume in early April. The project completion date of August is not expected to be adversely affected. See details at - [@SJCFL @st.johnscounty](https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/.../News.../Article/3708820/@SJCFL)

BACKGROUND: On February 23, 2024 USACE Jacksonville began equipment mobilization for the re-nourishment of the St. Johns County, St. Augustine Beach, federal shore protection project.

The USACE contractor began establishing a staging area at the Pope Road access point and will continue deploying equipment in the week ahead. Beach placement of dredged sand is expected to start in early March.

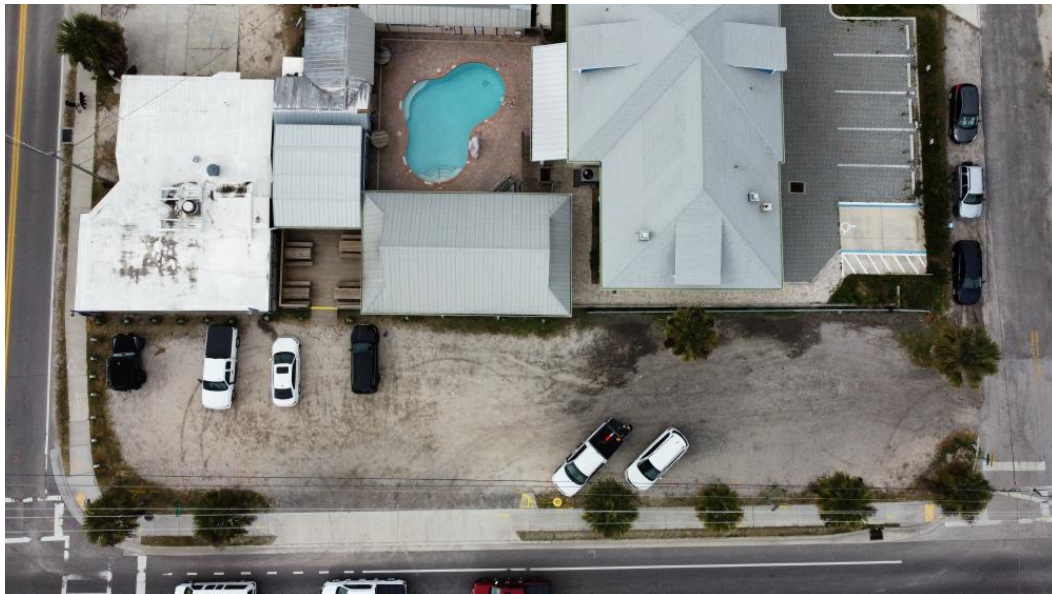
The re-nourishment will place approximately 2.5 million cubic yards of sand on critically eroded beaches within the city of St. Augustine Beach, extending three miles from Anastasia State Park at the north to the vicinity of A Street at the southern end of the shoreline.

Placement will proceed from north to south. Jacksonville District will post work schedules and progress maps to its website and social media channels as the work progresses - <https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/StAugustineBeach/>.

The \$33 million contract, awarded to Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, is 100 percent federally funded with Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies monies. The renourishment is projected to be complete by the end of June, weather permitting.

Initial construction of the 3-mile project was completed in January 2003. Since then the project has been renourished approximately every five years or following significant hurricane events. The Jacksonville District shares a strong partnership with St. Johns County, the non-federal sponsor for this project along with many others to protect eroded beaches along the county's coastline.

## A Street West Parking Improvements Project



On January 29, 2024, construction began on the A Street Parking West Improvements project in the City of St. Augustine Beach.

The intent of the A Street Parking West Improvements project is to improve the safety, aesthetics, and drainage of the city owned parking area located on A1A Beach Blvd between A Street and 1st Street.

During the construction of this project, the public A Street Parking lot located on the west side of A1A Beach Blvd will be closed until further notice. Businesses



immediately adjacent to the construction site will remain open during this time. The current construction activity will have little to no effect on the residents located on 1st Street, however, we urge residents to utilize 2nd Ave when leaving or returning to avoid any delays while construction materials and equipment are being brought into the project site.

**Parking improvements to include:**

- +The installation of a new stormwater drainage retention system that will connect to the existing St. Johns County stormwater system.
- +The Installation of new concrete and brick-paver parking area that will accommodate:
  - +Nine (9) standard parking spaces
  - +One (1) ADA space
  - +Two (2) motorcycle spaces
- +Reworked entrance from 1st Street and a redesigned exit on County Road A1A Beach Blvd,
- +Sidewalk and landscaping work.

**The tentative schedule is below:**

01/29: Erosion Control Measure Installation and Site Demolition.

02/05: Underground Drainage System Construction

03/01: Parking Lot Concrete Curb, Driving and ADA Parking Surfaces Installation

04/01: Paver Installation.

05/18: Substantial Completion.

06/01: Final Completion.

Funding for this project is by received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

For updates on this project as well as general city information, please visit The City of St Augustine Beach website [www.staugbch.com](http://www.staugbch.com), Facebook and Instagram page. For Media inquiries, contact Melinda Conlon at [eventspio@cityofsab.org](mailto:eventspio@cityofsab.org).

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## **City Adopts Amended Beach Ordinance regarding Electric Bicycles**



**DID YOU KNOW...**

**IN THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH, IT IS PROHIBITED TO OPERATE AN ELECTRIC BICYCLE UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WHILE ON THE BEACH:**

- \* AT A SPEED GREATER THAN REASONABLE FOR CONDITIONS (OR ABOVE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT)**
- \* FAIL TO YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY TO PEDESTRIANS**
- \* WEAVE IN AND OUT OF PEDESTRIANS**
- \* OPERATE WITH RIDERS ON THE HANDLEBARS**  
(SJC CODE 2007 - 19, SECTION 3.15)

**, ALL E-BIKE AND BICYCLE OPERATORS, WHEN TRAVELING ON THE ROADWAY MUST:**

- \* WEAR A HELMET (IF UNDER 16 YEARS OLD)**
- \* HAVE PROPER LIGHTING (FIXED WHITE LIGHT IN THE FRONT AND RED LIGHT IN THE REAR)**
- \* OBEY ALL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (STOP SIGNS, TRAFFIC LIGHTS, ETC)**
- \* TRAVEL WITH THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC**
- \* YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO PEDESTRIANS ON SIDEWALKS**  
(FLORIDA STATUTE 316.2065)

**FOR DETAILS VISIT: [WWW.STAUGBCH.COM](http://WWW.STAUGBCH.COM)  
OR ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH POLICE FB PAGE  
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SABEACHPOLICE](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SABEACHPOLICE)**

## **Do you know your Flood Zone?**

A Hurricane Preparedness Meeting presented by the City of St. Augustine Beach and St. Johns County Emergency Management was held on February 22, 2024.

If you missed the meeting, click below for all of the information!

**[Read the Whole Article Here](#)**

## **Glass Recycling Program**





In partnership with the City of St. Augustine, a glass recycling program is in full swing in the City of St. Augustine Beach.

A glass ONLY recycling dumpster is located at the South end of the City Hall parking lot (between the old Post Office Building and the Police Department).

The program is expected to run indefinitely, and the City of St. Augustine Beach welcomes the opportunity to provide additional services for its residents.

Below is a break-down of acceptable and not acceptable items:

**What glass IS acceptable?** Packaging food, beverages, hot sauces, spices, syrups, baby foods, perfume bottles, cosmetic jars, mason jars.

Remove metal and plastic lids and caps. Remember to rinse.

**What glass is NOT acceptable?** Dishware, crystal and stemware, and all drinkware, figurines of glass, ceramic, and porcelain. Automotive windows, mirrors

picture frames, tabletops, mirrors, computer monitors, and screens of any type.  
Magnifying glass, eyewear, marbles, light bulbs.

For a complete list of what can and cannot be accepted, please visit  
[www.staugbch.com](http://www.staugbch.com), The City of St Augustine Beach Facebook and Instagram page,  
and sign up for the monthly e-newsletter by texting CITYOFSAB to 22828.

## **CITY MEETINGS**

### **CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**April 1, 2024, 6 P.M.**

### **CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

#### **REVIEW OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS**

**April 8, 2024, 5:30 P.M.**

### **SEPAC**

**April 11, 2024, 6 P.M.**

### **PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

**NO MEETING IN APRIL**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SABPD SENIOR ABUSE AND FRAUD SUMMIT**

The St. Augustine Beach Police Department is excited to announce our first annual senior citizen abuse and fraud summit.

We will host this summit in the commission room at 2200 A1A S, St. Augustine, FL 32080. The goal of the summit is to inform and educate our citizens on the common scams targeting seniors and provide them with information and tools to avoid them. This informational summit is open to the St. Augustine Beach senior citizen community. This will be a very interactive summit with an extensive Q&A session.

For more information contact: [contact@sabpd.org](mailto:contact@sabpd.org) or 904-471-3600



# ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT



## SENIOR CITIZEN ABUSE AND FRAUD SUMMIT

St. Augustine Beach City Hall

April 9th, 2024 at 5:00 pm



**LEARN ABOUT COMMON SENIOR  
SCAMS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM**

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**ARBOR DAY  
APRIL 26, 2024**



# ARBOR DAY EVENT

## FEATURING A TREE GIVEAWAY

SPONSORED BY SEPAC



### LOCATION:

**ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH CITY HALL  
2200A1A SOUTH**

### DATE:

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024**

### TIME:

**5:30PM - 7:00PM**

**LOCAL PRESENTERS INCLUDE: ALLIGATOR FARM,  
MATANZAS RIVERKEEPER, ST. AUGUSTINE AQUARIUM,  
FISH ISLAND COMMUNITY ALLIANCE AND MORE!**

**WHERE WILL YOU PLANT YOUR TREE?**

**@CITYOFSAB**

**WWW.STAUGBCH.COM**

**CONTACT MELINDA CONLON: EVENTSPIO@CITYOFSAB.ORG**



**Join us on Friday, April 26 for our Arbor Day Event!  
Come out to the City of St. Augustine Beach City Hall and enjoy a  
kid-friendly, and fun for the whole family educational event!**

**The event will run from 5:30PM-7:00PM.**

**Featuring our FREE TREE GIVEAWAY!**

**Presenters from Matanzas Riverkeeper, SEPAC, Anastasia State  
Park, Fish Island Community Alliance and many more!**









**SEPAC News!**  
*Sustainability & Environmental  
Planning Advisory Committee*





## **Mark Your Calendar – Florida Springs Program June 27**

Filmmaker Matt Keene will join SEPAC for its next event in the Speaker & Film Series. After showing his film, *Lost Springs: An Artist's Journey into Florida's Abandoned Springs*, Keene will discuss Florida's springs and the challenges they're facing and answer your questions! The free event will take place at 5:30 p.m. on **Thursday, June 27 at the Anastasia Island Branch Library**, 124 Sea Grove Main Street in St. Augustine Beach.

## **SEPAC Members Needed: Work on Important Projects!**

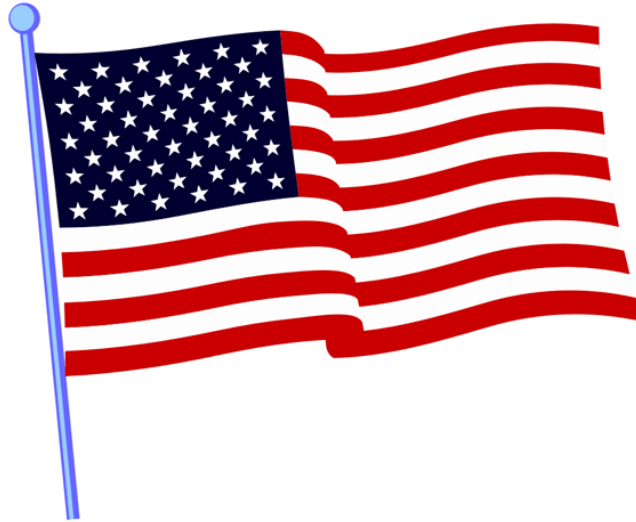
SEPAC volunteers plan and undertake beautification projects, examine environmental issues, and advise the City Commission on issues of note.

If you'd like to join the team, [please visit our website.](#)

## **American Flag Rescue Program**

The American Flag Rescue (AFR) program was initiated in 2019 after St. Johns County Solid Waste Management staff observed worn and damaged American flags in drop-off garbage containers at the Tillman Ridge facility. Although some flag collection containers already were in place in several stores that sell American flags, more collection points

were clearly needed. The initial shipment of new flag collection boxes was funded by local radio personality Kevin Geddings. These units were placed in St. Johns County libraries. Of the nearly 1,000 flags collected in 2020, about 10% were reusable and these are available to the public. Damaged flags are retired according to established protocols by local Scout troops and veteran's organizations. An American Flag booklet provided by Supervisor of Elections Vicky Oakes is also available. For information about flag collection/retirement or site participation, contact Chris Benjamin at (904) 827-6980 or [cbenjamin@sjcfl.us](mailto:cbenjamin@sjcfl.us). Flags can be dropped off at City of St. Augustine Beach City Hall.



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## City of St. Augustine Beach Resident Self-Service module

You can access this module in one of two ways:

Go to our website –[www.staugbch.com](http://www.staugbch.com). Here you will find the link by selecting Resources -> Contact Us -> Self-Service Portal.

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